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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Research and Development

SUBJECT : Transmittal of Memorandum

Attached is a copy of a memorandum I sent to [ ] in June when the organizational issues relating to petroleum reserves analysis were being actively discussed within NFAC. I hope it will throw some light on the concerns I tried to articulate -- probably unsuccessfully -- the other afternoon when we discussed OIA support to Project [ ]

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An additional concern which I did not raise in the memorandum but did mention the other afternoon is the concern for the careers of the individuals involved. Frankly, I believe that assignments outside of the home office for much longer than a year, or two years at most, are not fair to the individual and are just plain bad news.

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I can assure you that I will weigh the costs, as I perceive them, of leaving our people in place as opposed to moving them back to [ ] as objectively as I possibly can before we get together again.

I look forward to receiving your thoughts on the subject so that we can resolve the issue and move ahead with the analytical work as soon as possible.

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[ ]  
Noel E. Firth  
Director  
Imagery Analysis

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